

### North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share

The major cause of water quality problems in North Carolina and in the United States is “non point source” pollution.

The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program was established in 1984 to help reduce the sources of non point source pollution.

The District, in conjunction with Natural Resources Conservation Service, provides free technical assistance to farmers who are willing to implement BMPs.

The North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission designates the BMPs eligible for Cost Share.

Several BMPs have been approved for the Moore County program:

- agri-chemical handling facility
- animal waste management systems
- poultry dry stacks(poultry spreaders, composters and stream protection systems)
- spring development and watering system
- cropland conversion to grass
- cropland conversion to trees
- critical area treatment

- vegetable no-till
- long term no-till
- lagoon closures
- heavy use area protection.

### **How will these BMP's affect impaired stream segments?**

- Reduce excess pesticides, nitrogen, phosphorous, as well as sediment delivery to streams
- Prevent animal access from stream; reducing streambank erosion and animal waste delivery
- Streambank restoration, thus reducing sediment delivery to the stream.
- No-till and cropland conversion practices filter sediment, nutrients, pesticides, phosphates and pre

### **This District's Cost Share Application prioritization process:**

The Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviews all applications and designates priority. The pri

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